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bia University, the president and a number of American chemists expect to be present.

THE first meeting of the International Conference for the Protection of Wild Animals in Africa was held at the British Foreign Office on the 24th of April. The British representatives were the Earl of Hopetoun, G.C.M.G., Sir Clement Hill, K.C.M.G., C.B., head of the African department of the Foreign Office, and Professor Ray Lankester, director of the Natural History Museum.

THE twenty-ninth annual congress of German surgeons convened at Berlin on April 18th, under the presidency of Professor von Bergmann.

THE Jacksonian prize of the Royal College of Surgeons of England has been awarded to Dr. H. S. Lack for an essay on the 'Nasal fossæ.' The subject for next year is 'Bullet wounds of the chest and abdomen.'

THE first volume of the *Annals of the South African Museum* is completed with the issue of part 3, its 456 pages making a substantial contribution to our knowledge of the natural history of South Africa. The first article, Chap. XI. of the present instalment on 'New and Little Known South African Solifugæ in the Collection of the South African Museum,' by W. F. Purcell, contains descriptions of ten new species of *Solpuga* and of five little known species of the genus; four new species of *Dæsia* and three of *Ceroma*, these genera being recorded from S. Africa for the first time; also a new *Hexisopus* and the first description of a male of this genus. Chap. XII., also by W. F. Purcell, is devoted to descriptions of 'New South African Scorpions in the Collection of the South African Museum,' and Chap. XIII. contains 'Descriptions of Twelve New Species of the Genus *Mutilla* (Order Hymenoptera) in the South African Museum' by L. Péringuery. The final paper, Chap. XIV. is 'On Two New Species of Dicynodonts,' by R. Broom. The title page and index for the volume are issued with this part.

THE Council of the Zoological Society has given instructions for the publication of an index-volume to the new generic names mentioned in the *Zoological Record*, Vols. xvii.-xxxvii. (1880-1900). The volumes previous to

Vol. xvii. have been indexed in the 'Nomenclator Zoologicus' of Scudder, published by the Smithsonian Institution in 1882. The contemplated index-volume of the *Zoological Record*, in order to increase its usefulness, will include names omitted from Scudder's list and from the volumes of the *Zoological Record*. Thus zoologists may have at their disposal (in the 'Nomenclator Zoologicus' and the new index together) a complete list of all the names of genera and subgenera used in zoology up to the end of 1900. It is requested that anyone who knows of names omitted from Scudder's 'Nomenclator,' or from the volumes of the *Zoological Record*, will forward a note of them, together, if possible, with a reference as to where they have been noticed or proposed, so that the new list may be made practically complete. Such information should be addressed to the editor of the *Zoological Record*, 3 Hanover Square, London, W.; or to C. O. Waterhouse, Esq., British Museum, Natural History, S. Kensington, London, who is engaged in compiling the list.

#### UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL NEWS.

GENERAL THOMAS H. HUBBARD has given \$150,000 to Bowdoin College to be used for a new library building.

PRINCETON UNIVERSITY and Lafayette College each receive about \$45,000 by the will of Joseph Eastburn Smaltz.

MR. MICHAEL CUDAHY, of Chicago, has subscribed \$50,000 toward the million dollars which Archbishop Keene is trying to collect for the Catholic University of America at Washington.

MISS ELIZA T. BRYSON, a generous benefactor of Teachers College, Columbia University, has bequeathed to the College \$2500 for a scholarship.

VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY will celebrate with special ceremonies, in October next, the twenty-fifth anniversary of its opening.

THE University of the State of New York will hold its annual convocation on June 25th, 26th and 27th. Among the subjects to be discussed are manual training and libraries. It is

expected that Mr. Hamilton Mabie will deliver the address on Tuesday evening. Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler of Columbia University, will present the report on the organization and plans of the joint college entrance board for the Middle States and Maryland. This report will be discussed in 10-minute speeches by President J. M. Taylor of Vassar, Dean Albert Leonard of Syracuse University, Dean Edward R. Shaw of New York University, and others.

AT the April meeting of the Regents of the University of Nebraska, Dr. E. Benjamin Andrews, for some time Superintendent of Schools in Chicago, and formerly President of Brown University, was elected Chancellor of the University. His acceptance has been received, and he will assume his new duties August 1st, until which time Dr. Charles E. Bessey will be the acting chancellor. Dr. Charles A. Ellwood was elected instructor in sociology. An order was passed authorizing the Faculty to grant certificates to students who complete the courses of study in the schools of agriculture, mechanic arts, domestic science, and physical education, these being but two or three years in length, and not leading to a degree. The Faculty of the College of Literature, Science and the Arts recommended the adoption of more flexible conditions of admission to the Freshman Class, of which English (4 points), Language (6 points, 4 at least in Latin), algebra (2 points), geometry (3 points), and history (2 points) are specifically required, while the remaining eleven points are to be made up of combinations selected under certain restrictions, from Greek, Latin, German, French, history, physical science, natural science, advanced algebra, plane trigonometry, physiology, physiography, civics, and political economy. This recommendation was adopted by the Regents. The Faculty of the Industrial College made a similar recommendation, the specifically required points being English (4 points), Language (4 points, French, German, Latin or Greek, not more than two), algebra (3 points), geometry (3 points), physical science (2 points, chemistry and physics), natural science (1 point, botany or zoology). The remaining eleven points are to be made up of combinations, selected under certain restrictions, from

French, German, Latin, Greek, manual training, history, physical science, natural science, plane trigonometry, mechanical drawing, physiology, physiography, civics, and political economy. This recommendation was adopted by the Regents. By action of the Regents the experiment will be made of having the college work almost entirely elective in the College of Literature, Science and the Arts, while in the Industrial College it will be (as now) very largely prescribed both as to subjects and sequence. The recommendations of the Faculty of the Graduate School in regard to admission to graduate work, and candidacy for advanced degrees, were adopted. But two degrees are offered, viz, Master of Arts, and Doctor of Philosophy, the first requiring at least one year of resident work, and the second not less than three years of work 'under properly qualified teachers,' the last year being in this University.

A DEPARTMENT of marine engineering has been inaugurated at New York University, with Professor C. C. Thomas at its head.

THE Adam T. Bruce fellowship in biology of the Johns Hopkins University has been conferred upon Lawrence Edmonds Griffin, Ph.B. (Hamline University). Mr. Griffin will go to Jamaica during the summer to pursue special research work.

MISS MARGARET F. WASHBURN, Ph.D., professor of philosophy in Wells College, has been appointed Warden of Sage College, Cornell University.

MR. B. MOORE, M.A., professor of physiology at the Medical School of Yale University, and lately assistant professor of physiology at University College, has been appointed lecturer on physiology at the Charing Cross Hospital Medical School.

DR. ECKSTEIN has been appointed professor of zoology in the School of Forestry at Eberswalde. Professor Ramaun, professor of agricultural chemistry at Eberswalde, has been called to the University of Munich.

DR. BERGT, of the Dresden Polytechnic Institute, has been appointed assistant professor of mineralogy at the University of Greifswald.